

2001 also establishes a demonstration project to allow the NHSC scholarship and loan repayment programs recipients to fulfill their commitment on a part-time basis.

Lastly, this legislation includes two additional measures to simplify the application process for both the National Health Service Corps and community health centers.

Today, more than 2,400 Service Corps clinicians serve in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Pacific Basin. In 1999, in my great state of New York, 240 National Health Service Corps practitioners provided essential health services to thousands of New Yorkers in need (specifically, 131 primary care physicians, 32 physician assistants, 27 nurse practitioners, 27 dentists and oral health clinicians, 13 certified nurse midwives, and 10 mental and behavioral health professionals served in the NHSC in New York).

For many Americans, community health centers provide their only access to a doctor, a dentist, a nurse midwife, or a mental health professional. In many instances, the treatment offered in these health clinics is provided by a Service Corps clinician. The National Health Service Corps saves lives every day by providing early, preventive health care to those in poor, rural, urban, or otherwise medically underserved communities.

Nearly two million individuals in over 4,000 health shortage areas receive their health care through the National Health Service Corps. Unfortunately, only about 12 percent of the overall need is being met by the program. In 1999, the Corps had to turn away one-half of the underserved communities that requested a provider, because of a lack of funds.

Communities depend on these Service Corps clinicians, so we must strengthen the NHSC. Unfortunately, the authorization for this successful program expired in 2000. Illustrating the urgent need for congressional action, last year we were faced with press accounts such as "Cuts in Loan Program Squeeze Doctors Who Work With Poor," [The New York Times, 7/30/00] and "Shortchanging Young MDs" [Boston Globe, 8/1/00]. M.J. Murphy, a nurse practitioner and constituent of mine, was included in the New York Times story. Ms. Murphy works at a health clinic which lost its eligibility last year due to a lack of Service Corps funding.

As a representative of nearly a dozen teaching hospitals and several nursing, dental and medical schools, a modernized National Health Service Corps is important for the constituents of my district. Beyond my district, a healthy and strengthened National Health Service Corps will continue to meet the medical needs of underserved and vulnerable populations across the country, as it has for nearly thirty years.

So, on behalf of the millions of Americans receiving quality health care from Service Corps clinicians, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in support of the National Health Service Corps Reinvestment Act.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO ATHENS-LIMESTONE HOSPITAL

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Athens-Limestone Hospital on fifty years of outstanding service to their community. I congratulate Athens-Limestone on this accomplishment and I believe their excellence is reflected in the countless patients that have received top-of-the-line medical care and caring attention during their stay with the hospital.

Since the people of Limestone County came together in 1945 and began planning this hospital and since it opened its doors on May 28, 1951, Athens-Limestone has been a role model for other communities on how to be successful in keeping its neighbors healthy.

I congratulate the board members, administrative staff, medical staff and service personnel—for they are the real key behind the hospital's success for the past half a century. Athens-Limestone has grown and expanded to their current status with over one hundred patient beds, sixteen out-patient surgery beds, eleven new born nursery beds and many more specialized services.

This is a special anniversary for the Hospital and I congratulate them on their accomplishments. On behalf of the people of the 5th District of Alabama and the House of Representatives, I share my gratitude to Athens-Limestone for their good work these past fifty years and I wish them many, many more anniversaries like this one.

SALUTE TO CLIVE DAVIS

HON. MARK FOLEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who is equally famous for his many contributions to the music industry as he is for his dedication to public service.

I speak of course, of industry legend Clive Davis.

From Radio and Records Magazine's "Most Influential Record Executive of the Past Twenty Years" and multiple Grammy Award winner to the Congress of Racial Equality's "Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian of the Year," Clive Davis' gifts to American culture are great.

He has personally helped launch the careers of some of our country's most cherished artists including Janis Joplin, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, Barry Manilow, Carlos Santana, Herbie Hancock and Pink Floyd just to name a few.

The only person ever to receive the T.J. Martell Foundation's "Humanitarian of the Year" award twice, Clive Davis is also committed to helping his fellow man. He's given much of himself and his money to support HIV/AIDS research.

Mr. Speaker, please let the RECORD reflect this Congress' appreciation for his efforts.

May 23, 2001

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING DISTRICT JUSTICE LEONARD M. McDEVITT

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on May 31st Darby Township will be seeing the last of Leonard "Lenny" McDevitt as their district justice. He will be retiring after many years of faithful service on the bench, but will no doubt remain involved in the community he loves so much.

District Justice Leonard M. McDevitt has been an indispensable part of the justice system in Darby Township since 1974. Justice McDevitt has shown outstanding service and dedication to his community for almost three decades. For example, while Justice McDevitt had the choice of rotating nights with other justices, he voluntarily worked from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for the last 27 years. His dedication and selflessness made life easier for dozens of his colleagues on the bench. A man who has shown such dedication to his community deserves the respect of all who know him. His good work has impacted more people than he could ever realize.

Replacing a man like Justice McDevitt will be difficult indeed. I salute Justice McDevitt for being a man of faithful dedication and as someone who truly helped the community he resides in. He is someone to be admired and respected for the dedication that he has shown over the past 27 years.

I am proud to represent Leonard McDevitt in Congress, and prouder still to have known him and worked with him on issues of concern to our local communities. The 7th district is a better place because of Justice McDevitt.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CHRISTINA M. QUILLEN ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young woman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Christina M. Quillen of Sandusky, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, Christina's offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2005. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Christina brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of Air Force Academy cadets.